

RIIHINEN et al
Serial No. 09/732,877

Atty Dkt: 2380-202
Art Unit: 2686

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Cancel claims 1, 9, and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 – 13, and 18 – 21.
3. Rewrite claims 2, 6, 10, 12, 18, and 20 as independent claims.
4. Amend the dependencies of claims 3 – 5, 8, 11, 14, 16 – 17, 19, and 22.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Each of the pending independent claims 2, 6, 10, 12, 18, and 20 was rewritten as an independent claim to include the allowable subject matter included therein. See enumerated paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Accordingly, all pending claims are deemed allowable.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

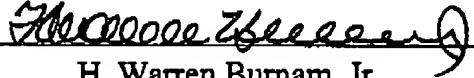
Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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